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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TENNECO PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN
HOUSTON JUNE 13, 1974:

QUOTE: HOUSTON, JUNE 13, 1974--N.W. FREEMAN, CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD OF TENNECO INC., TODAY DENIED A REPORT THAT
THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT PLANS TO PLACE ON TRIAL
THREE OF THE FIVE NORTH AMERICANS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED
IN ETHIOPIA 11 WEEKS AGO.

OUR MANY WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ELF, THERE
HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING TO INDICATE THEY HAVE ANYTHING
LIKE THIS IN MIND," FREEMAN SAID.

"IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISES
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US THAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS REPORT

THROUGH THEIR SOURCES IN AFRICA."

THE FIVE MEN WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY THE ELF ON MARCH 26 WHILE ON AN OIL EXPLORATION OPERATION FOR TENNECO ETHIOPIA INC. A REPORT FROM ETHIOPIA ON WEDNESDAY SAID THE ELF PLANS TO TRY THREE OF THEM ON CHARGES OF EXPLOITING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE PROVINCE OF ERITREA. "THIS IS THE TYPE OF UNFOUNDED RUMOR THAT CAN BRING NOTHING BUT APPREHENSION AND GRIEF TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CAPTIVES," FREEMAN SAID.

"I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT AND WANT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

"AGAIN I SAY, THE REPORT HAS NO BASIS IN FACT." UNQUOTE
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